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Dr. Goodyear to attend December 9 Striped Bass Meeting

Emergency Meeting open to all striped bass anglers

All ecologists and conservationists welcomed

BY AL REINFELDER

ALL PARTIES interested in the striped bass fishery will meet at the college of Mount St. Vincent in Riverdale, New York for what has been billed as the most important meeting ever held on the striped bass. The ultimate purpose of this meeting is the preservation of one of the world's greatest estuaries and most prolific breeding ground for the striped bass namely, the Hudson River. The immediate reason for this meeting is the imminent threat posed by the Indian Point No. 2 Nuclear Power Plant. The Atomic Energy Commission has given this power plant, under the direction of Consolidated Edison, permission to operate at full volume. The undisputed effect of this action will be the annual destruction of between 30 to 50% of the river's striped bass, not to mention shad, herring, white perch, silversides, and numerous small but important aquatic life forms. The crass trade-off of a valuable natural resource for immediate electrical energy has to be stopped or the days of natural fishing will soon come to an end.

As horrendous as these threats are, their magnitude is multiplied a thousandfold by the revelations of Dr. C.P. Goodyear of the Atomic Energy Commission. Dr. Goodyear, after an intensive computer study of all previous investigations into the distribution patterns of the striped bass, has come to the conclusion that fully 93% of the striped bass existing at any given time in the Atlantic Ocean are fish which have originally come from the Hudson River. This finding has shocked and stunned the community of biologists and fishermen. If these findings can be substantiated, the value and importance of the Hudson River becomes magnified to frightening proportions. To his great credit, and to the credit of his confidence in his work, Dr. Goodyear has agreed to attend the December 9th meeting and explain in laymen's terms the basis and significance of his findings. Other members of the scientific community will be there to probe into Dr. Goodyear's study and to help clarify their deep significance.

In addition to Dr. Goodyear, Speakers who will present information at the December 9th meeting include Dr. John Clark, Senior Associate of the Conservation Foundation and Biological Consultant to the Hudson River Fisherman's Association; Dr. Baker, Hatchery Specialist for the North Carolina Fisheries Department; Mr. Davis, Executive of the Audubon Society and a Resource Economist. Mr. Rod Vandivert, prestigious chairman of the Scenic Hudson Preservation Conference, will be the chairman of this meeting.

In attendance at this meeting will be such important figures in the industry as Mr. Frank Woolner, Editor of the Saltwater Sportsman; Nelson Bryant, Outdoor Editor of the New York Times; Blair Moger, President of Save Our Stripers; Robert Boyle, Outdoor Editor of Sports Illustrated; Frank Keating, Outdoor Editor of the Long Island Press; Peter Barrett, President of the New Jersey Chapter of the Hudson River Fisherman's Association; Allan J. Ristori, Active Conservationist and world-famous sport fisherman; Richard Reina, Editor/Publisher of the Long Island Fisherman; Bob Pond of Stripers Unlimited; Dave Seymour, President of Hudson River Fisherman's Association; Representatives of the Hudson River's Sloop Restoration Group as well as sport fishermen, commercial fishermen, conservationists and ecologists from all states involved in the striped bass fishery.

I urge you to attend this meeting which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, December 9th.

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These meetings will continue on a First Thursday monthly basis throughout the non-boating season and will increase in tempo to bimonthly and weekly as the demand arises. Subjects will rotate with the season right down to "What to do in the water" next spring. For more information on this free Round Table exchange of knowledge program please send apost card to MGRO-USCG Aux., 90 Emerson Drive, Great Neck, N.Y. 11023, or better still sttend the seminar – Bayside Yacht Club, 216-50 28th Ave., Bayside, N.Y. at 8:15 P.M., Thursday, December 7, 1972. 16MM motionpicture "Ripple" to be shown.

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Richard B. Jackson with a 53½ lb. striped bass caught on a Alou Bass Eel. Mr. Jackson won the Atlantic City Striped Bass Derby with his cow bass this past October. Photo courtesy of Al Reinfelder.

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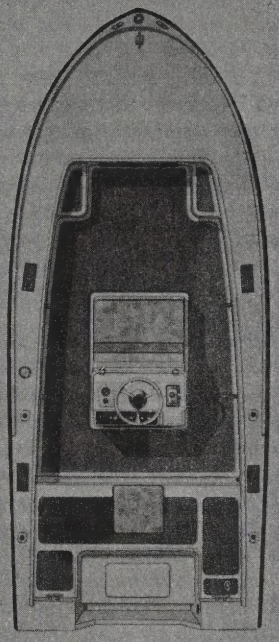

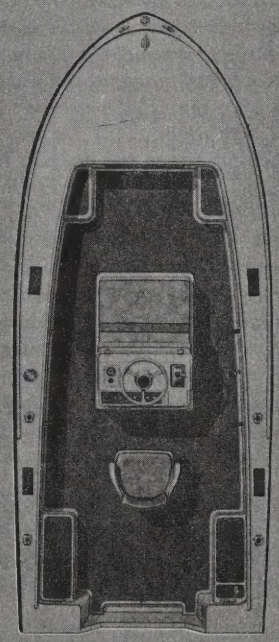

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CHUM LINES

Dear Mr. Guaglianone:

Until the Long Island Fisherman, issue No. 38, October 5, 1972, I had more or less enjoyed reading your column. At times, some of your articles were a trifle off color, but I felt that this was excusable. Fortunately, most of your articles are very informative and educational.

Everything was fine, until on page 25 you pulled the boo-boo. For one thing, according to all records you were dropped from the L.I.B.B.A. as a delinquent member, Maybe this is the way you planned to terminate your membership. If so, you certainly gave a false impression. Another thing, where were you when the Babylon Town Board held their meetings ont he Cedar Beach proposition? How many of your fishing friends, who are taxpayers in Babylon Town, did you try to enlist to help the fishermen's cause?

Did you know that a few years back, the LIBBA met with the Islip Town Board and refused a compromise ruling that would allow only fishermen who resided in Islip Town to procure beach permits so that they could travle on the beach in Islip Town areas? The LIBBA refused that compromise only because it shut out the many non-resident fishermen who would normally fish that area.

I wonder how much you really know about the LIBBA. Perhaps it would do you a world of good to lay down your pole, get in your buggy and pay a call on some of the various beaches around the Island. Go to Robert Moses Park headquarters and ask what happens when the LIBBA members disregard the park regulations. Ask the people in the Miller Place-Shoreham area, the East Hampton Town Board, or the Fire Island National Seashore people what the LIBBA has done to preserve the fishermen's rights on the beaches.

Sure, we lost several thousand dollars and a court case against Islip Town. We lost in our argument with Babylon Town, and we will probably lose more areas; but you can bet your last dollar that the LIBBA will have it's hat in the ring. Where in hell are the other thousands of fishermen and the hundreds of so-called fishing clubs on this big Island?

The LIBBA is not a fishing organization as many people think. Our interest in fishing is co-incidental with our main purpose the conservation and protection of our natural resources.

You seem to forget that we, you and I, belong to the biggest fraternity in the world - the association of sports fishermen. Yet, each little group in the fraternity is only interested in his own little private fishing area and the hell with the other guys.

You made a pun of the fact that we hold Jamborees - one a year, every year. We also hold an annual dinner dance, once a year. Two social events each year - BIG DEAL! The only two things a year that gives the members any pleasure. The rest of the time is spent going after so-called sports fishermen who has broken regulations, disregards others on the beach, or left his garbage lay around. Or maybe we only plugged up a hole in the barrier beach so that you or the guy from New York can come out and fish.

Sorry Vince, but I think that instead of writing about all the places to fish and the times to fish them, it would be better to write something that would open the eyes of all these so-called sportsmen. I don't think they realize that the time has long passed that we should have pulled together to get some of these places opened up for all of us.

As a member of the LIBBA I would like to invite you to our Board meetings. They are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Republican Club in Blue Point, starting at 7:30 P.M. Why don't you attend at least one and see for yourself what makes the LIBBA tick.

Sincerely,
Charles L. Hollins
LIBBA No. 696

Dear Mr. Hollins;

Forgive my delay in replying but, as you must have surmised, I failed to lay down my pole.

To possibly tell where I was when the Babylon Town Board held their meetings on the Cedar Beach proposition, I would have to know when these meetings were held. (Perhaps, if I was a member at the time, I neglected to read my mail?) Also, what was the proposition?

I'm not sure how many of my fishing friends reside in Babylon Township. Until recently I was mostly a loner on the beaches. (Originally from Brooklyn; then Little Neck; only these last two years in Suffolk County - which is why, as I was told recently: I do not appreciate how good Perry Duryea is.) But a few years ago I realized that fishing no longer enables me to 'get away'; Progress now following me down to the sea. Since this realization and at an increasing rate, I have been talking to many. Like now Charles, I'm talking to you.

I want to admit that LIBBA deserves gratitude for its efforts in trying to keep open to all, the beaches that would be closed to "non-residents". Mindful and appreciative now of these efforts, I must ask: how were rank-and-file LIBBA members invited to participate in these efforts? What kinds of participation were asked of LIBBA members? Did LIBBA every try to go the legislative route?

Apart from this, I think it would be well for us to learn from LIBBA itself, clearly "what happens when LIBBA members disregard the park regulations"; and "what LIBBA has done to preserve the fishermans' rights on the beaches". about LIBBA, from LIBBA. We should print this information because it is of service to Long Island fishermen.

LIBBA deserves praise and gratitude for its work during winter, preserving the barrier beaches; which hopefully are not being preserved so that they can get coated with oil, soon. Though I was aware of this good work of LIBBA on the beaches, yet also I was one of those who somehow thought of LIBBA as primarily a fishing organization. You have relieved me of an error. From your letter I learn LIBBA's main purpose: "Conservation and protection of our natural resources".

But the main purpose of this magazine and of my column in it, is to treat of fishing. Our main purpose cannot be the same as yours. Sportfishermen want to read about fishing and this is the need we try to fill. So we shall continue discussing the places to fish and the times to fish. Otherwise, sportsmen might not be reading this magazine in which they are now reading about LIBBA here; and they would not learn of your good work for conservation and protection of our natural resources.

Hopefully, you have noted also Reinfelder's recent articles on the impending extermination of one of our resources, the striped bass.

Mindful and appreciative now of LIBBA'S main purpose: I must next ask the following. And in asking these things, I understand, Charlie, that you are only one member of LIBBA. Also I understand, Charlie, that LIBBA is only one organization. I agree wholeheartedly with your statement: "Where in hell are . . . the hundreds of so-called fishing clubs on this so-called big Island?" I mean to ask the following of all these clubs. And I mean to ask not with my tongue in my cheek:

What has been your effort toward making the striped bass a gamefish?

Since it seems that the thoughtful sportsmen and the noble netters must now pull together to confront the most immediately dire threat to the striped bass: the Con Ed Indian Point Power Plants on the Hudson: are you also going to attend the meeting to be held December 9 on this matter? Will you join the effort to protect the Atlantic coast stripers from destruction?

What is your position in regard to drilling oil offshore of Long Island? Has your organization taken an explicit position in regard to this threat; a threat no

less ominous than the Con Ed Power Plants and a threat against more than one species.

What position do you take with regard to the ultra-technological, massive harvesting of foodfish off our shores, by foreign fleets that are given permission to do so by our governments?

Hopefully, no member of any club reading this will feel that any of the above issues are outside the scope of their club's concern. In Charles Hollins' letter we can read the true sentiments reminding us how foolish it is to be interested only in our own little private fishing area. This applies to matters more important than "beach rights". By remembering such as the oil threat, we realize that no fishing club or beach buggy association can be concerned with only some one other issue. For example: plugging holes in beaches to prevent erosion will turn out to have been futile, if the saved beaches are destroyed by oil. The laudable task of beach-plugging, should be complimented and completed by also plugging the holes in the heads of the politicians and the industrial leaders, who seem to care only about the holes in their pockets.

But no one organization can be expected to engage alone, and effectively, in this kind of plugging operation. All the organizations, all the fishing clubs, all "the other thousands of fishermen" have to pull together.

This is what I would like to see on Long Island. All the beach buggy associations and fishing clubs and sport fishermen joined together under an elected central coordinating body. So that through this central action committee of concerned sportsmen, we could look at the issues together and list the priorities. We could work together. If need be we could demonstrate together on issues of ecology. And together as sportsmen we could join with other concerned organizations in actions against the mindless destruction of our marine environment. Only if our large numbers of sportsmen pull together in this largely political way, will the threats to our natural resources begin to be removed.

The largest organizations, I think, would naturally make the first moves toward forming such a central coordinating body, whose focus would be conservation and the protection of our natural resources. But representation on this body of less than 90% of all the clubs on this big Island would be ludicrous. We could only afford, I think,to have some 10% of 'independent' clubs continuing to hold seances during their meetings at night.

Until such a thing as this starts to happen, I am hardly inclined to lay down my pole. Other men seek out social gatherings. I like to go fishing. But come December 9 I will lay down my pole even though it's a Saturday: 10am, in the Science Hall Auditorium of the Mt. Saint Vincent College in Riverdale, N.Y.; in order to deal with the Con Ed threat to the striped bass.

To Charles Hollins who wrote a letter with sincere concern, I must ask that you not misunderstand me. But understand me in relation to my affection for the seacoast and the sea. After December 9, I may go even to the Republican Club, in Blue Point. To see what makes LIBBA tick. But I do not care to give my spare time to too many things. Just fishing: and a little more time to write of its last days. And that's it. Unless there's something else that would be really worth the scarifice of what I love the most to do.

Sincerely,
Vincent Guaglianone

The enclosed picture of mine, was taken on a recent Blackfishing trip on the Theresa L, out of Norwalk, Conn. My son, Lee, is a member of our newly formed Junior Anglers. Rich, I'm not bragging, but Lee, caught an 8¾ lb. Black that day and won the boat pool of $28.00 (first prize).

He caught it on Green Crabs while we were fishing just outside of Norwalk Islands on Cockenoe Reef. I'm still fishing for one that size, and I think I have plenty of company too. Lee is 13 years.

Cordially yours,
Ivan J. Krupit
President,
Co-Op City Anglers

Dear Sir;

I want to tell you that I enjoy your magazine very much. It is very interesting and informative.

I have a problem that you might be able to help me with. I have an old surf casting reel that needs a handle. I have tried many times to find some place to get one, but so far, no luck. The reel is a 4 Brothers Eclipse Surf Caster.

Yours truly,
Harry J. Scully,
W. Hempstead

I'm sorry, but no one in the office has heard of the reel, nor has anyone I've talked to in the last several weeks.

Dear Sirs;

In the clam family you have the skimmer, the chowder, the cherrystone, and the little neck clams.

What is the baby clam called beside a seedling.

Thank you, L.I.F.
Reader and Subscriber,
H. Kern, E. Islip, N.Y.

I've always called even the smallest of clams, little necks.

Dear Rich;

I read the Long Island Fisherman each week and enjoy the article very much. The pictures of the fish catches are also of great interest, however, if whenever possible the dates when these catches were made, would add a great deal more interest. What is your thought on this?

Also, in your last issue (44) page 10, upper right you show a photo of Karl Schauffel holding a fish. Caption reads, 21 lb. 4 oz. striped bass. Something must be in error. This looks unmistakeably as a bluefish and not a striper. Right or wrong?

Sincerely,
Ed Holmes,
Flushing, N.Y.

Starting this spring we are going to include the dates whenever possible. As for your second question, you're right.

MACKEREL

By Vlad Evanoff

WITH THE SUMMER species departing many anglers are eagerly awaiting the fall run of mackerel which usually appears in our waters this month and the fishing often lasts into December. These big mackerel called "Bostons" usually travel well offshore in huge schools and if you run into them you can have some of the fastest fishing you'll ever see.

You won't have much trouble finding out when these mackerel appear offshore. The local rod and gun columns in the metropolitan area and on Long Island will flash reports when the macks come in. So will the writers on the "Long Island Fisherman." They'll tell you when the party boats or private boats are getting into the schools of mackerel in their areas.

Most of the party boats sailing out of Long Island and New York City ports start making trips for mackerel as soon as these fish appear. This fishing from the bigger party boats is especially comfortable from now on because of the colder weather coming up and the rough water often encountered on certain days. Of course, if you have a private boat which is big enough and seaworthy and if you choose your days you can also make the run offshore for mackerel.

These days it's no problem to locate the mackerel offshore because you'll see big fleets of party boats and private boats fishing for them in areas where the mackerel are present. You can join this fleet at a respectable distance and get into some of the mackerel.

The tackle you use for mackerel will depend on how many fish you want and how much sport you want with the fish. On most party boats anglers use their regular conventional boat rods or fairly heavy spinning rods. This is because they usually fish with several lures and may hook two or three fish at the same time. You can break a light rod trying to lift that many fish into the boat. But on private boats where you use only one lure and have more room and time to play the fish you can use a light spinning rod. If party boats aren't crowded you can also use lighter tackle.

During the fall offshore runs the best way to get into the mackerel is by means of chumming. This is the same bunker chum you use for bluefish or tuna or sharks and it brings the macks right up to the boat or under the boat where they can be caught on various lures.

The most popular lure for catching mackerel is the small diamond jig or mackerel jig. Using such a lure weighing only one or two ounces with a light spinning rod can be a lot of fun. Anglers using conventional boat rods who want a lot of fish usually use a diamond jig on the end of the line and then add three or four "teaser" lures such as plastic tubes or feathers or bucktail above the jig. These can be red, yellow, white or other light colors.

Mackerel will also hit many other kinds of metal lures such as spoons, metal squids, spinners when jigged below the boat. Mackerel may be found anywhere from just below the boat. Mackerel may be found anywhere from just below the surface down to 20 or 30 feet or more. Often you can see them milling around just under the boat and you can jig your lures at that level. But other times you may have to try different levels until you locate the one they are feeding at. Then you can mark your line or remember how much you let out and lower it instantly to that depth.

Mackerel fishing offshore will be best if there is some tide running so that the chum will move out away from the boat rather than sink right under the boat. Mackerel usually bite best when there is some chop or ripple in the water rather than when it is calm and glassy.

When you first get them into a chum slick the action is usually fast and furious and the fish come in over the rail fast and hit the lures readily. But after a lot of fish are caught from one school the rest of the fish may get wary of the lures and not hit as well. Then you can try a small piece or strip of natural baits such as squid, clam, worm, or shrimp on a small hook. The heart of a bunker also makes a tough bait. Or you can try a small, narrow strip cut from almost any fish and even the mackerel itself.

Another trick I have tried which often works is to cast a shiny spoon or metal squid out about 50 or 75 feet, let it sink a few feet and then reel it back with plenty of rod action.

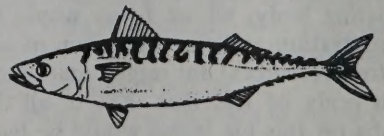
When the big Boston mackerel are running well offshore, party boats and private boats make a killing and it's common to see them come in with bags of fish holding as many as 100, 150 and even 200 mackerel per man. This is O.K. if they aren't wasted and are given away to those who eat them or you freeze some to eat during the next two or three months.

Some years the small "tinker" mackerel come in close to shore and can be caught from boats, breakwaters, jetties, piers, bridges and bulkheads. This provides great sport for anglers of all ages and the kids especially flock to the scene and have a lot of fun and sport. All kinds of tackle from cane poles to heavy boat rods are used for this fishing, but the best sport is obtained with the small mackerel on light spinning rods or even fly rods.

When these small mackerel are around in large numbers and striped bass are also present you can catch some of the macks and keep them alive in tanks or plastic garbage cans and use them as bait. Small mackerel can also be used by surf anglers from jetties or breakwaters. Hook one through the back and cast it out and let it swim around freely until a striper locates it. This fishing is best when the small mackerel are in close to the beaches and stripers are seen chasing and feeding on them.

In deeper waters you can use the small live mackerel for striped bass by drifting with the bait on a plain line or if the tide or current is strong you can add a two or three ounce egg sinker about two or three feet above the hook to get the bait down.

So for some fast action try the late mackerel fishing during the next few weeks. Once they leave sometime in December they won't be back until May.

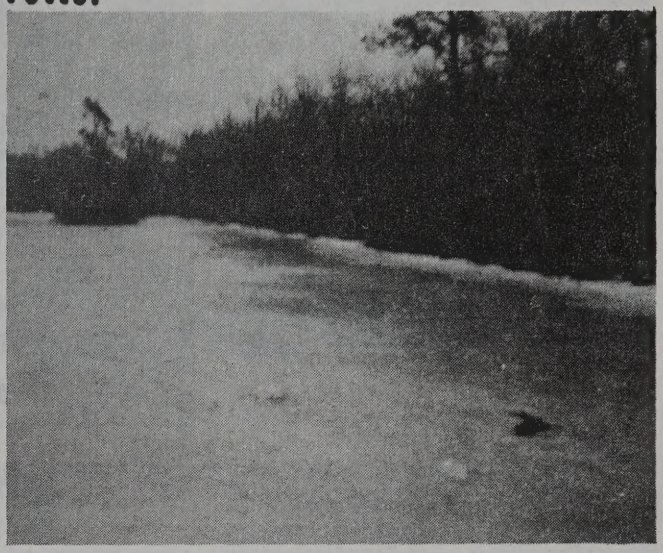


ATLANTIC MACKEREL

The Coming Of Winter

By Don Vetter

West Branch, Connetquot River, in the winter.



Ice-over.

THE CLOSING of the black bass season on November 30th, draws down the curtain on another year's freshwater fishing for the majority of Long Island anglers. Ice fishing, which provides off-season action for many in upstate and New England areas, is practically unknown here. I fondly remember the wooden ice-shanties, which rested untended all summer on the shores of Otter Creek (a Lake Champlain feeder stream). When the ice was thick enough, they were hauled out on their runners, and placed over holes, chipped through the ice with home-made 'spuds.' A 'spud' was generally a large cold chisel, welded to a length of pipe (this in the days before power augers). We jigged small bucktails or metal lures, or fished minnows for pickerel, northern and walleye pike, and yellow perch. The hardier souls tended tip-ups, without the shelter of a shanty.

There are many valid reasons why ice fishing never really caught on here on the Island. For one thing, the winters are usually relatively mild, and such ice as does form is often not to be relied upon to support much weight, particularly in the case of the larger ponds. Another negative factor is that ice fishing is prohibited in waters containing trout, and those which lie within park boundaries. These regulations effectively close many of the most productive pickerel (the fish with the greatest potential for winter fishing) waters, such as Wildwood Lake (Riverhead) and Southard's Pond (Babylon), to 'hard water' fishing.

This being the case, what remains for the winter-bound freshwater man to keep in touch with his sport? Tackle work? Fly tying? Reminiscences before a roaring fire in an open fireplace, and plans for next season? These may help, but for the man who wants more sport than the Sunday football game on T.V. provide, a bad case of 'cabin fever' may send him forth, rod in hand, in search of SOME action. What can this man expect to catch? Fortunately for us die-hards, there are some freshwater fish willing to play ball in the cold months.

One of those species which cooperate with the winter fisherman is the white perch. Roccus americana is not truly a freshwater fish at all, in one sense. True, there are many ponds with resident, landlocked populations of white perch, but given access to saltwater, they will often migrate, and spend much of their lives at sea, returning to sweetwater to spawn.

The striped bass is also a member of the Roccus family, and is a close relative of white perch. Unfortunately, the perch is dissimilar to his more august relative in both size attained and fishting ability. The one consolation is that winter-caught, tidal stream perch run much larger than their landlocked brethren; one pound would be about average, and fish above two pounds are not uncommon.

The 'coastal fishfinder' section of S.W.S. tells us that white perch begin their inland run in mid-February. This does not hold true in many Island streams and rivers; perch are packed solid in these waters by mid to late December, and remain there till spring spawning time. Last January, I ran a series on mid-winter fishing (L.I.F., Vol. VII, No. 1, 2 and 3), in which I named Rockville Centre's Mill River as my particular favorite winter perch grounds, mainly because I live nearby; it typifies numberless tidal streams on both shores of the Island. After publication of those articles, I approached the river with some trepidation, certain of finding hordes of eager anglers lining its banks. I need not have worried; I had the river to myself once more (I sometimes wonder if anyone out there reads these lines). The big perch fell to my small white bucktails and doll flies in satisfying numbers, and an occasional school striper added to the fun.

Tide water white perch fishing may be the mainstay of winter freshwater activity, but it is by no means the

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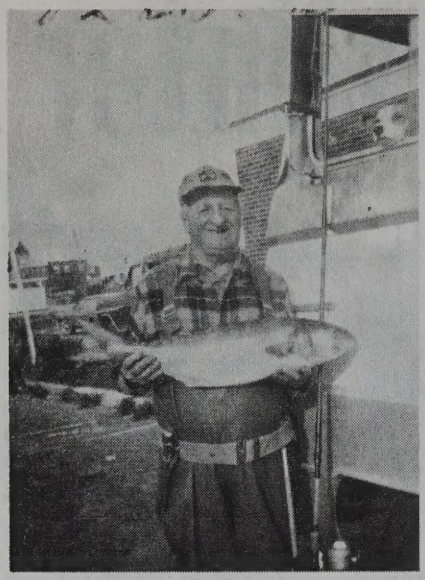

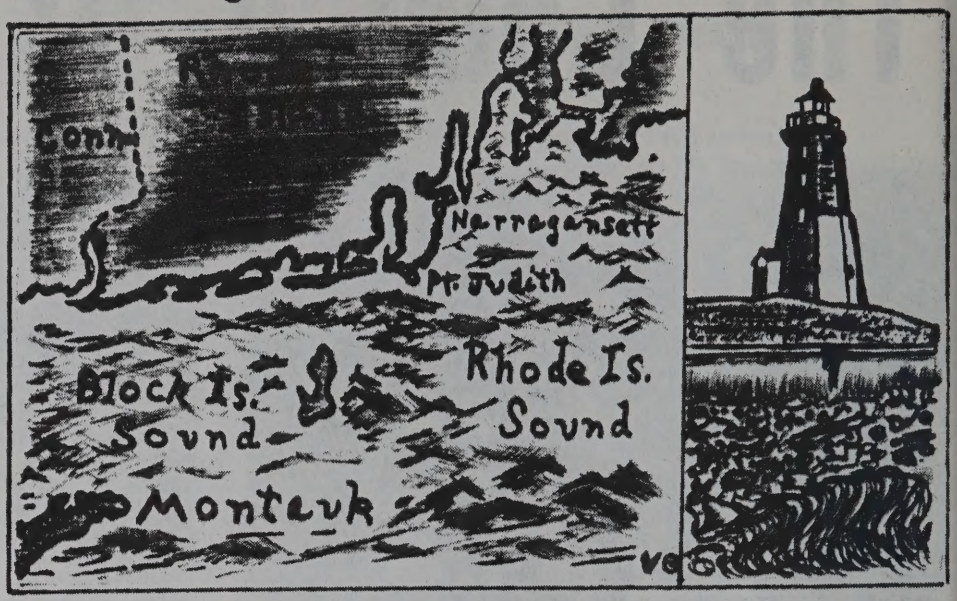

Rhody Review, 1972

"My favorite spot for big stripers is Rhode Island." VLAD EVANOFF, L.I.F., Issue No. 19, 1970.

SOME CASTERS for the first time in many years, and many for the first time in their lives got up to Rhode Island this year. And none of these good fellows that I met afterward by chance on Long Island shores - like Jim La Porte, Bruce Newmark, Charles Metzger - none of them complained even though Narragansett shore fishing was not equal this year to my descriptions of it. Many went up in August, after I had written "August Frenzy In Narragansett." Some, like Walter Halucha who took a 30-pounder at Montauk in July, tried Point Judith this fall when Montauk was dim; and this autumn up there was hardly better than this August.

Most of these sportsmen were undaunted by their wash-out first trip to Rhody. Jim La Porta remained impressed, rightly, with the Narrow River's mouth and that huge-ledge coast north of the Point. Bruce Newmark at least had the experience of meeting the incomparable Sol Carrol who as usual had stationed himself in his camper home by the Charlestown Breachway all summer. Bruce also enjoyed dining in Hap Kaine's home; which, among other things Bruce told me about when he found me on Fire Island with the one fish on the beach that October night. Paul Fineberg spoke to me on Cedar Beach in November, mentioning how Hap Kaine was able this year to build and sell more 'conventional' rods than ever before; and that is a good thing, a step in the right direction for casters who will be well-armed for Point Judith when the fish come in, maybe, next year. But this year Paul did have some hot sport with blues on Block Island; and later on he had the luck of meeting the great Frank Daignault on Rhody's East Beach, by Charlestown, on the sandy south shore. Apparently, even Daignault whose accomplishments include four 50-pounders on plugs and live eels (strictly casting), did not up to that time do as well as usual in Cape Cod or in Rhody.

The point is, nobody did; generally speaking. I cannot tell how Buster Monahan, and others, very Narragansett-Town local sharps made out at shore fishing this year; because I do not know.

But there is a responsibility on my part to belatedly correct an enthusiasm of mine, which should have stayed disciplined. After all, I did race up to Rhody this 'What-Spring?' spring. And I did notice then, and did convey to you then, that things were not up to par. Local striper-hounds who would ordinarily be casting live herring for cows, were then fishing fresh water for the light tackle sport. I therefore might have been a little cautious this summer when I wrote about the "mossbunker that pour along the shore's edge here (around Narragansett Town) like diamond millions in August." Forget for a moment about stripers: What bothers me is that you could not even get the usual August big blues in SOUTH Narragansett.

My initial contact with Narragansett Bay (only six years ago) was direct, through the eyeballs and not by reading anything. So I knew that the Bay was huge, and one traveler (whom I neither met on a beach nor spoke to over the phone) might have remembered these words, "huge Narragansett Bay" which did appear in my column (Issue No. 11, 1972; p. 11).

Anyway, after missing the Point Judith contest I got up to Newton Ave. in late August, and was stunned. There was not a single mossbunker in the water and the coast was deserted. We drove on directly to the in-laws and phoned Dock Hayek that night.

Though he has not yet beached any 60's, nor even any 50-pounders, Doc does know how to fish and also he is very reliable. Also he was catching bluefish galore, many over 10 pounds: all the way up in the Bay, near Providence!

This is the worth of that Rhody road map that I advised getting. Looking at the map will give you a sense of how huge a Bay Narragansett is . . . Next, remember how late a spring it was, and how cool a summer . . .

The best way to tell this story now is to quote Staff Carroll (no rela-

tion to Sol) whose column in the Providence Journal is very objective. Staff once gave me permission to quote him, and the Rhody part of my family saves Staff's articles so that I can verify a little of what happens up there. Of course, as somebody once said: "The local sharps are secretive as all hell" (implying that you never learn how really much fish there are "every year," till you're as good as a local sharp every year). However, local sharps are indeed secretive everywhere. But the general picture is what non-local visitors need, and this is open to all:

Staff Carroll, Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin, August 15, 1972

"No question about it, menhaden (mossbunker, porgies) are one of the favorite foods of both striped bass and bluefish. One need only look at the large number of bass and blues that summered in Narragansett Bay last year when its waters were teeming with these bait fish to realize that when there's plenty of "porgies" around, there's bound to be lots of bass and blues too.

But it has been a different story this season. Back in June we did have some menhaden in the bay but nowhere near the number that were around last summer. Bass fishing was fair. As for bluefish, they never did show in any great numbers in the bay this season."

August 22, 1972

"For almost a week now, several schools of (blues) have been making life merry for both shore and boat fishermen working the waters north of Conimicut Light." (Look at a roadmap!)

"Perhaps one of the most productive areas as far as shore fishermen are concerned right now are the waters just south of Pawtuxet Cove. There anglers fishing from the long breakwater at Warwick Downs, have been having a ball with choppers of all sizes."

August 25, 1972

"What a difference a couple of weeks can make. Two weeks ago fishing was literally at a standstill in Narragansett Bay with both bass and blues quite conspicuous by their absence.

But things are looking up now . . . around Hope Island and . . . especially in the Scarborough-Point Judith area . . . Only problem here is getting the menhaden and keeping it alive until you get back to the bass grounds. And with the lower reaches of the Sakonnet River the only place where you're sure of latching onto some good menhaden, a good 35-40 minute run from Point Judith" - (a run by boat of course) - **many anglers are spending more time getting bait than fishing.**

. . . For example (two anglers), after spending most of the morning getting bait, high-tailed it back to Scarborough and less than three hours later had over 400 pounds of bass in the boat with the largest tipping the scales at 48 pounds.

. . . As of yesterday bluefish were being caught as far up the Bay as the Edgewood Yacht Club, just a stone's throw from downtown Providence."

So that was the August story for this year, insofar as it was available to us. The part of huge Narragansett Bay that I wrote about, was dead this August for shore fishermen (except, I guess, for local sharps who are secretive as all hell).

Meanwhile, our incorrigible Brooklyn surf patriarch Sol Carrol was parked in early August by the Charlestown Breachway. He wrote of a schoolie or two every morning. "Your small Tri Fin is just great around here. I'm the only one using it."

A month later, Jean Carrol wrote Martha about "the thrill of a lifetime catching blues from the surf at Charlestown . . . 'Grandpa Solly' was over at East Beach, but he came back in time to catch his share."

On September 17, Doc Hayek took a 20.9 bass on a popper at Beavertail, under a northeast storm; and I should emphasize that those blues beached by the Carrols were also all on plugs . . .

On October 16 on my way back from Martha's Vineyard I stopped that morning for a brief look under the Point Judith Light. Then suddenly behind me I heard all this shouting: "Hey what're doing here - how was the Vineyard - why didn't you visit me, Vince!" - Naturally it was Sol, leaning out the window of Walter Allair's truck that had just pulled up. Walter, of the Woonsocket Striper Club pointed out that now, look: see all the porgies out there! And now the blues were running in. My last week's vacation being used up, I had to leave shortly. And that afternoon, Solly of course weighed in the 12 pound, 3 ounce blue shown. - "The Field Marshall is at it again ."

Jean, at Charlestown.

Beginner's Luck: Wayne Dudley and his 50-pound striped bass, caught in his first attempt. It is the largest shore-caught bass reported in Rhode Island this year. Oct. 17, 1972.

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HUDSON RIVER REPORT

by PETE BARRETT

Very few stripers were reported during the last week and everyone his own theory to explain it. Some feel the mass of bait down along the Jersey shore is holding the stripers so the usual run is late, others feel with the low water temperature that the bass have sped right by and are already up river. At least there is Tommy cod.

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CORNWALL

After four tries without a hit, Bob Dickson latched onto a half dozen stripers south fo the Cornwall Yacht Club on an incoming tide. His school sized fish hit frozen blood worms.

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HAVERSTRAW BAY

Carl Harty worked the George's Island Oyster Beds over but only had two legal bass taken on umbrella rigs with red and blue tubes. The stripers weighed 3½ and 5½ lbs. Carl's recorder showed lots of fish concentrated here but they just aren't hitting. Tommy cod are beginning to show in greater numbers at Croton Point and Oscawanna Beach for fishermen using sandworms and small No. 8 flounder hooks.

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FORT LEE

Tommies are in thick and some good sized catches are reported to Ed Graser of the Outdoorsmen, Ltd. Charlie Badalati had two dozen tommies over 10 inches on clams, Jim from the Edgewater fire department had more than 50 on bits of sandworms and a group from Jersey City filled a sack with more than 100 fat tommies taken right under the George Washington Bridge. Dykman St. at the Englewood Boat Basin is also a good spot. Check with the Palisades Interstate Police office in Alpine to be sure the Park is open. Rainy days often cause rock slides which close the roads.

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FISHING REPORT

Codfish is the main objective of the party boat skippers from Montauk to Sheepshead Bay. Weather permitting the results on these winter fish is good. Some scattered blackfish can be found at the wrecks along with cod. Pollack are very few and far between. Whiting and ling are being taken on open bottom areas west of the Fire Island Inlet. Flounders continue to please if the angler is hardy (or fool hardy which ever the case may be) enough. A striper or two has been reported but not enough anglers are braving the weather in search of them.

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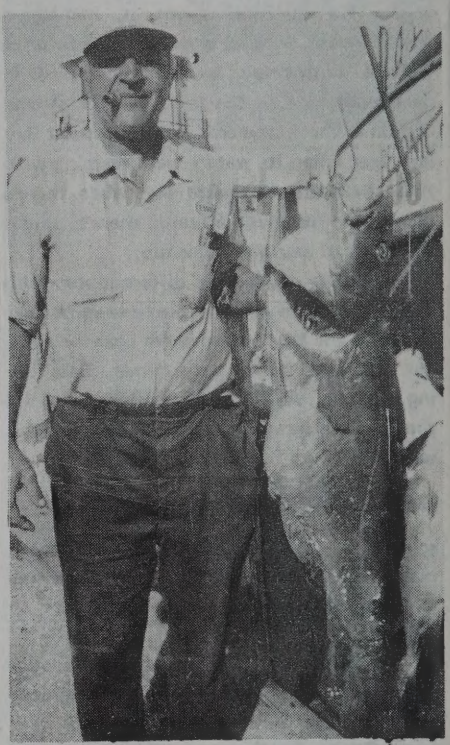
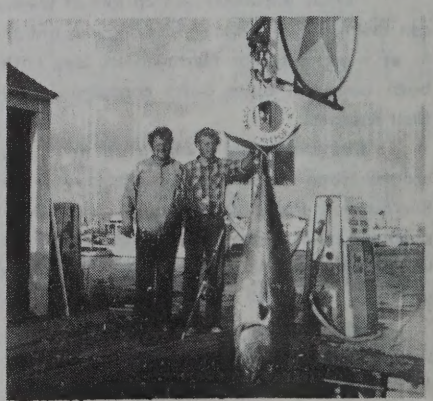


John Operum, of Bayonne, N.J., with a 50 lb. cod, caught at Montauk. Photo courtesy of the "Peconic Queen."



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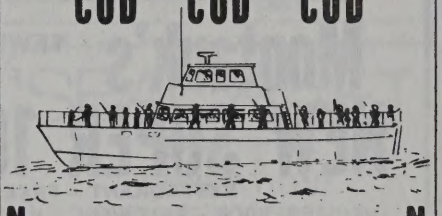

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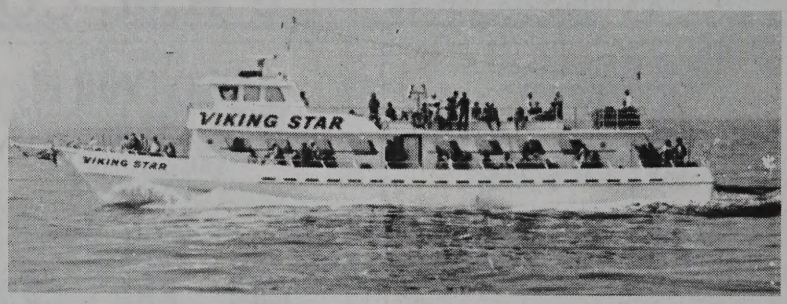

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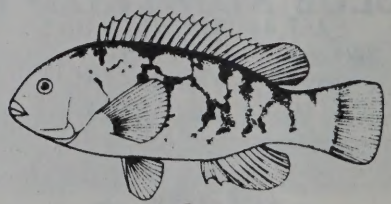

BLACKFISH

MONTAUK

Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star" reports the codfishing is excellent around the Block Island area, weather permitting. On Sunday we had over 125 cod up to 30 lbs. Plenty of big blackfish are mixed in with the cod.

Capt. Richie Rade, skipper of the "Marlin III" reports the codfishing is good. Saturday the weather was bad and we didn't do to well. Sunday was better and 15 anglers accounted for 80 to 85 cod. Some blackfish and a few pollack are being caught along with the cod.

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Hicky Slifer with a 308 lb. Mako shark. Mr. Slifer's fish was the largest of its kind caught at Montauk this year. Photo courtesy of Capt. Charles Nappi, skipper of the charter boat "Sea Witch II".

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the " Capt. Clark II" reported that both boats have discontinued sailing until the spring.

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CAPTREE

Capt. Bob Joseph of the Joseph Fleet reports fair codfishing offshore. "We average about 30 to 60 fish per trip." Most of the codfishing is on the open bottom south of the Fire Island Inlet about 12 to 13 miles off. Some whiting and ling have started to show.

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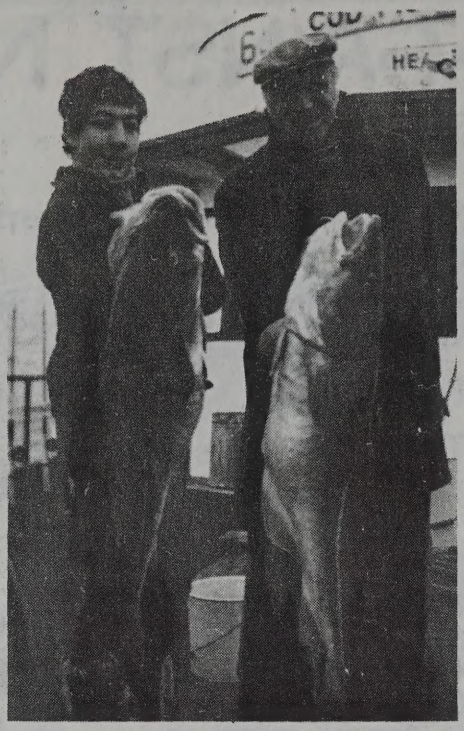

Thomas Owen (left) of Brentwood with a 37 lb. cod and Jack Valentino of Fresh Meadows with a 40 lb. 8 oz. cod. The anglers made the first trip for cod aboard the "Capt. Ben Litwin" of Captree.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Mike Miffia of Mike's Tackle Shop reports good codfishing just east of the Cholera Banks. The boats are coming back to the docks with 50 to 75 fish per trip. Sunday was good on Whiting and mackerel at Ambrose. Codfishing was a little slow Sunday.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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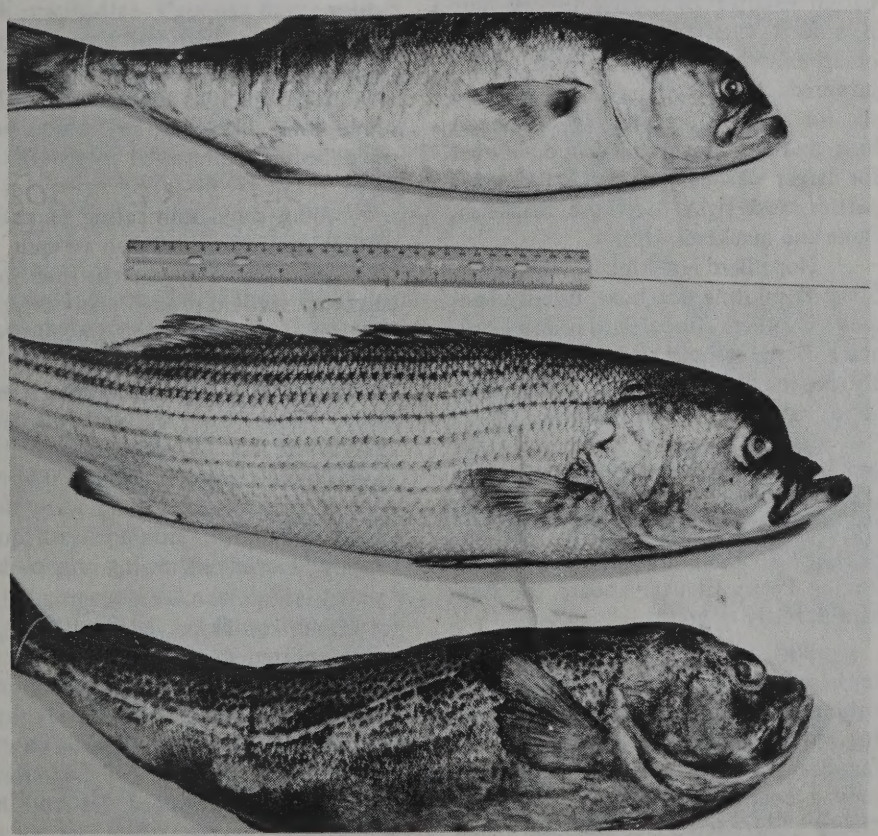

PUGHEADEDNESS -- Scientitsts at the New York Ocean Science Laboratory, Montauk, N.Y. have asked the aid of sports and commercial fishermen in the study of physical abnormalities in fishes such as pugheaded fish in photo. From the top: bluefish, a striped bass and a cod.

Marvin Wigntow of Dix Hills, Richie Simak, of Queens and Dick Amideo of Northport with some of the blues and bass they caught at Montauk.

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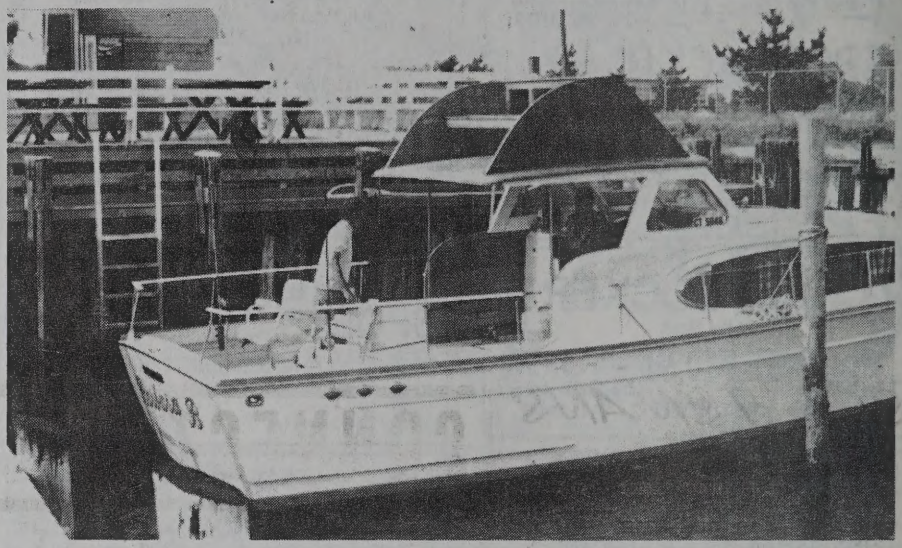
CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

JUST ABOUT EVERY angler who picks up a rod, at one time or another dreams of quitting the rat race to spend his time chasing after the many species of fish in waters around the world. Only a few actually go ahead and do it.

Steve Basil is one of these few. Having spent most of his life fishing the eastern end of Long Island Sound in his spare time, Steve dropped out of an executive position in the big city a few years ago, moved to Centerbrook, Conn., and opened Pisces Charters, Inc.



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Hope Bard is a skipper, who, when Steve is piloting one boat, usually handles the other. Hope Bard is also a girl, and a very pretty girl at that. Hope Bard also has the distinction of knowing more about fishing than many anglers.

I met Steve and Hopie early last summer, just about the time those first scattered bluefish reports were hitting the eastern end of Long Island Sound. I arrived dockside a bit after daybreak, finding Pisces Charter aboard the Barbara B, ready to go.

With only scattered reports coming in on the blues, Steve decided against fishing The Race, and Hopie set a course for Shelter Island. I'd had a chance to familiarize myself with the waters there only a couple of weeks earlier at the "Salty" Flyrodders Get-To-Gether, and found myself anxious to learn whether the blues had moved in since we left.

It was a pleasant cruise across a flat sea, allowing for good conversation, and plenty of fish talk. Skilled female anglers aren't rare, but girls who love fishing with enough enthusiasm left over to buckle down and get a skippers license are unique. Hope wasn't voicing any strong opinions about Women's Lib or anything like that, so I asked how she'd become interested in the fishing game.

A boy she'd been dating, had been mating for Steve, and had to quit, so Hope asked for the job. At first Steve laughed, as would probably any skipper, but Hope persisted, and finally Steve agreed to let her try.

"That first trip was amazing", said Steve. "Right from the start, she had a feel for the job. Whether it was baiting a customers hook, or cleaning the fish when the trip was over, things were done right. She wasn't afraid to ask questions, and needed showing only once".

Suddenly we were nearing Shelter Island, and Hope yelled with delight as she spotted some gulls over breaking fish. All talk ceased as Steve took over the wheel and Hopie readied a couple of trolling rods. Steve relayed a reading from the depth finder, and Hope threw the reel into free-spool, let out line, and locked the spool, handing me the rod. By now, the gulls had disappeared, so Steve ran beyond where we had seen the breaks.

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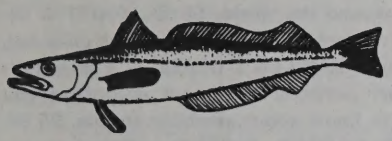

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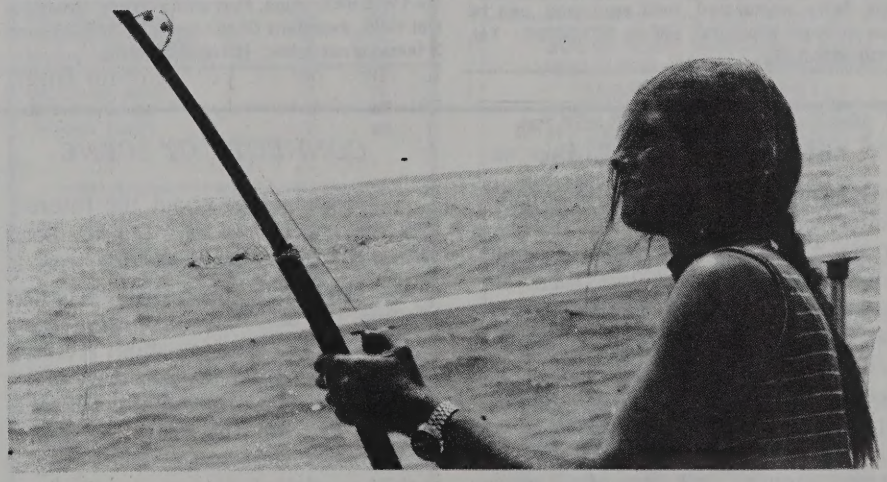
"They've just sounded", said Steve. The words were hardly out of his mouth when I had a bump, indicating a short strike. Steve cut back on the throttle, and "Wham" I was into my first blue of the day. Actually, it turned out to be the first double-header of the day, a pair of choppers scaling between three and four pounds. The next hour or so produced some fast fishing. I finally talked Hopie into grabbing that other rod and not worrying about me, and found out why this gal really became a charter boat skipper.

The simple fact is that Hope Bard is a fishing nut, just lke me and quite a few other people I know. Every time she grabs hold of a fishing rod, she's reasonably certain that the next minute is going to bring a worlds record swimming to her lure. Of course, she's almost as happy when her customers are catching fish, and the only time that pretty smile turns to a frown, is during the slow periods when the fish lay down.

When fishing did slow, I got a chance to ask some more questions, like how does Hopie handle the inevitable loudmouthed Bum that imbibes too much and doesn't watch his language. "Believe it or not" chirped Steve, chivalry is not dead. Most everyone automatically curbs his tongue, and when we do run into an occasional problem other members of his party usually puts him in his place.



Fish on! This gal really loves to fish.

It turned out to be a great day. When the action slowed at Shelter Island, we tried Pigeon Rip, but had no luck, then Steve told me about the greatest clam chowder he'd ever tasted, so we cruised to Greenport and I made it unanimous.

When we finally hit the dock just before sundown, Hopie insisted on cleaning the fish, making me envious cause I couldn't do it half as well.

Then we rode over to see the Capt. Bob, and I couldn't help noticing and remarking on the spotless condition of both boats.

"Another tribute to Hopie", said

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COMING OF WINTER

only game in town. Those reliable winter warriors, the pickerel, are ready to do battle in their usual summer haunts, till ice-up renders them inaccessible. Yellow perch are another fish which doesn't seem to mind the cold, and may be taken throughout the winter. These perch and pickerel will succumb to pretty much the same methods that worked on them in the warmer months, and may often prove more active now than during the summer.

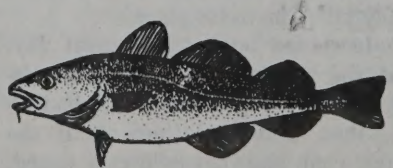
Starting next week, I intend to explore another possible cure for that dreaded fisherman's affliction: the winter blahs. Until then, good luck and tight lines.

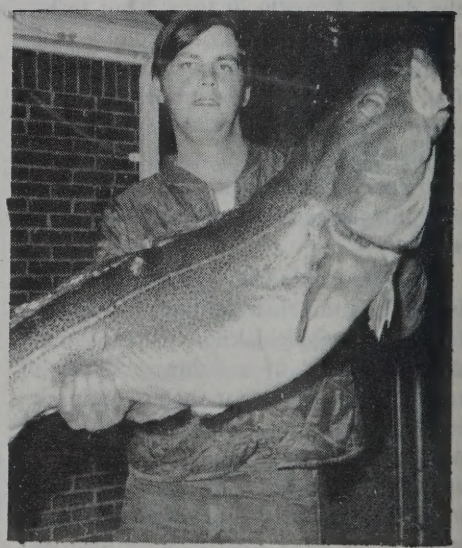
CONNECTICUT SCENE

I asked Hope about the future. Did she plan a life as a Charter Boat Skipper? "No," she answered with a smile. I plan to do a lot of fishing in my lifetime, but still have to finish college. Right now, I'm thinking about a career in medicine, possibly in surgery".

I glanced at the skillfully-filleted bluefish next to the boat. Whatever Hope Bard decides upon, she'll be right at the top of the ladder.

Steve. She won't leave the boat until it's immaculate.





Donald S. Thompson of Hempstead with a 45 lb. cod. It was the largest of eight caught and also the pool fish caught aboard George Porter's "Brand X" out of Point Lookout.

However, two days prior, a buck private did something else. A youth who had never caught any stripers before, went into Hap Kaine's shop and learned that he should try a Gibbs darter at the Green Hill - Charlestown Beach area. At first Wayne Dudley was only snagging big bunkers (finally, these had arrived and in close on the sandy south shore). Then, with his "Mickey Mouse" tackle (as it was expressed in Staff Carroll's article) Dudley beached a 50 pound, 4 ounce striper! Sol mailed the article and Staff's photo; and Sol reminded me: "Fish are where you find them."

Finally, on a mid-November weekend (probably 11/11) three Long Islanders of the Striper Surf Club "picked four fish from 30 to 39 pounds," as Frank Keating reported it: on Big Danny swimming plugs; "near the mouth of the Narrow River." It would be illuminating to learn if prior to November of this year, was there any picking of cows from amid the hordes of little rats?

Near the mouth of the River could mean a mile down the Town Beach to the south of it. It could also mean going through the lawyer's property to get on Whale Rock just north of the mouth, instead of on River Rock in the mouth. It could also mean on the Clumps north of the mouth.

Of course we do not expect exact pinpointing of spots, understandably. But the point is, that this year the report: "lots of fish" is not of true service to those who have to travel far. If the fish are not up and down the shore like they were last year, and more so other years, then the report: "lots of fish" has to be broken down.

With an eye for next year and for those surfmen who have to travel far and are not retired men: this is how you should try to break down "lots of fish." From the shore, or in boats? If from the shore: by local sharps in the summer and early fall? Or are there lots of fish from Charlestown, around Point Judith, up to the River and on past Anawan up to the Jamestown Bridge. This breakdown, surfmen, might be called, Taking Care Of Business. And taking care of business for your sake, for a change.

TIDES: SOUTH SHORE
SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	8:21	8:43
Sat.	8:58	9:24
Sun.	9:37	10:01
Mon.	10:15	10:48
Tues.	11:02	11:33
Wed.	11:53	------
Thur.	12:27	12:42
	1:24	1:43

	H.	M.
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Oligo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	-1:40	------
Fri.	12:12	12:13
Sat.	12:43	12:52
Sun.	1:22	1:34
Mon.	2:07	2:23
Tues.	2:56	3:14
Wed.	3:44	4:07
Thur.	4:41	5:08

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	11:55	------
Fri.	12:23	12:36
Sat.	1:04	1:15
Sun.	1:47	2:00
Mon.	2:30	2:46
Tues.	3:19	3:37
Wed.	4:10	4:33
Thur.	5:04	5:31

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	9:48	10:27
Fri.	10:27	11:08
Sat.	11:06	11:52
Sun.	11:47	------
Mon.	12:41	12:38
Tues.	1:30	1:29
Wed.	2:21	2:31
Thur.	3:14	3:34

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
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